

**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY  
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

**June 4, 2020**

The Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees held its quarterly business meeting Thursday, June 4, 2020 via ZOOM. Chair Jeffrey Smith called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Recording of Attendance**

Trustees present: Dr. Alfonso Angelucci, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. William McCarrier, Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Joshua Young, Mr. Dominic Ionta, Ms. Elise Michaux.

Trustees absent: Ms. Suzanne Vessella

**Approval of Revised Meeting Agenda**

Trustee Smith called for additional items or changes to the meeting agenda before approval.

Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee Michaux, a motion to add Item F: Resolution: Appointing SRU Faculty Representative to the SRU Council of Trustees. Motion passes.

Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee Michaux approval of the June 4, 2020 revised meeting agenda. Motion passes. (TAB 17) (Appendix A)

\*Added Item F., Resolution: Appointing SRU Faculty Representative to the SRU Council of Trustees

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Trustee Young, approval of the May 7, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion passes. (TAB 18) (Appendix B)

**Public Comments**

None.

**Presentations**

None.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Behre provided his report. (Appendix C)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix D)

The Academic and Student Affairs committee met this morning and trustees received an update of the status of new academic programs from the period fall 2016 – fall 2020. We also received an enrollment update for fall 2020. Many thanks to Dr. Jerry Chmielewski, Ms. Carrie Birckbichler and Dr. Amanda Yale for presenting this information.

The 2011-2012 academic year marked the high-water mark for collective student enrollment in the State System. Except for SRU and West Chester, which achieved peak enrollments in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 respectively, two of the remaining 12 schools peaked in enrollment in 2010-2011, with the remaining 10 schools peaking in enrolment in 2011-2012.

From 2010 to 2019 State System enrollment declined by 23,711 students, or by 19.8%. To curb the 6% decline in enrolment being experienced at SRU between 2011-2012 and 2014-2015 we began a market driven approach to program development. Over the next five years 11 undergraduate and 15 graduate level programs were developed by faculty. These new programs collectively added over 700 students to our headcount which equates to slightly more than 1.5%. While we were developing these new programs and recruiting students to stem enrollment losses, Clarion's enrollment decreased by 36%, California's decreased by 27%, and Edinboro's decreased by 46%.

Admittedly, our undergraduate enrollment decreased by 7% from 2010-2019, but graduate enrollment increased by 62%. Overall, our new programs added 749 students reflecting 96% of the enrollment target.

In 2015-2016 new programs generated net revenue of \$35,700, in 2016-2017 net revenue of \$384,900 was generated, in 2017-2018 net revenue of \$1,223,923 was generated. We are pleased to report that in 2018-2019 net revenue of \$1,522,400 was generated.

In summer 2020 we will be launching the Master of Science in Athletic Training, and in fall 2020 we will be launching the Master of Social Work and the Doctorate in Educational Administration.

Our enrollment numbers are impressive despite these challenging times.

Credit hours generated for the 2019 winter term are reported at +4.10% over the 2018 winter term.

Credit hours generated for the 2020 spring term reported have increased over the 2019 spring term. To date, after the continuous registration period ended, the university is reported to be currently up in credit hours generated by 1.0% as compared to the same time last year. The university gained over 100 deposits last week. Due to COVID-19, the enrollment deadline was moved from May 1 to June 1 this year.

New graduate student deposits are up for summer and the same as last year for the fall term. Retention at the freshman, sophomore and junior levels are comparable to rates from the same time last year.

We are appreciative of the academic planning and enrollment teams for their efforts.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.

#### **Finance Committee (Agenda, Appendix E)**

The Finance and Administrative Affairs Committee met with the Council of Trustees earlier this morning and discussed several topics:

Amir Mohammadi, Senior Vice President for Administration, Global Engagement and Economic Development shared some preliminary information on that status of the FY 19 Sightlines facilities benchmarking results which included SRU's continued strong commitment to preventative maintenance, as well as a comparison of capital funding targets and KPI distribution over time. He also informed the committee members that Sightlines will present their full report at the September COT Meeting.

Scott Albert shared some construction progress photos from the recently completed Critchfield Park artificial turf installation and the Performing Arts project. He also provided a couple of updates on projects listed on the Facilities and Planning project list.

David Jacobson, principal, from CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the audit plan. Highlights of the presentation included the COVID-19 impact on academic year 2019-20, the expectations for 2020-21 academic year, and future GASB statements for the council's awareness.

Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial and Budget Update including a recap of the estimated impacts of COVID-19, the financial outlook for the 2019-20 fiscal year and projections for the 2020-21 fiscal year. These projections considered the financial impact of COVID-19, and a synopsis of current work surrounding budget recovery strategies was also presented.

The following items were approved in committee to move forward for consideration by the full board.

- Contracts, Fixed Assets and Service & Supply Purchase Orders

Chairman Smith, this concludes my report.

#### **Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix F)**

Trustee Matt Lautman, chair, provided the following report.

The Governance Committee met earlier today and addressed three action items and a number of informational items.

Jeff Smith, SRU representative of PACT (Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees), shared the next meeting of this group is scheduled September 28 & 29, 2020. Trustees are encouraged to engage in PACT activities. If you are interested in attending the fall meeting, registration information is available, contact Tina Moser.

The Trustee Accountability Self-Assessments were briefly discussed and more in-depth discussion will occur at a Trustee Workshop to be scheduled sometime in July.

The President's Evaluation Process was briefly discussed. Trustee Lautman requested President Behre share the evaluation timeline and the final assessment to Council members next week.

Resolution: Order of Succession. A resolution was reviewed and approved in committee for further consideration by the full board. The resolution is in accordance with Board of Governors Policy 1983-14-A: Appointing Interim and Acting Chief Executive Officers, and requires that each PASSHE University President develop and publish an Order of Succession identifying, in rank order, members of its university executive management team, who will act on behalf of the president in his absence.

Resolution: Appointing SRU Faculty Representative to the Council. A resolution was reviewed and approved for further consideration by the full board. The resolution appoints Dr. Lia Paradis, Associate Professor, History Department and Co-Director, Stone House Center for Public Humanities, as the Slippery Rock University representative to the Interim Faculty Council, to participate in non-executive session meetings as a non-voting liaison to the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees for the academic year 2020/2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021).

The slate of officers for nomination was presented with a motion by Trustee Taylor, second by Trustee Vessella. Officers serve a one-year term with consideration for a second term in accordance with Council bylaws. The slate of officers will be presented for approval by the full board at the June meeting.

Matt Lautman, Chair  
Elise Michaux, Vice-Chair  
Samantha Hawk, Secretary

Calendar items were provided for Council Information.

Mr. Chair, this concludes my report.

### **University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix G)**

Trustee Robert Taylor chairs the University Advancement Committee. He provided the following report.

The Council of Trustees University Advancement Committee met on the morning of June 4, 2020, via Zoom Video Conferencing. The meeting was called to order by committee chairperson Bob Taylor.

- Dennis Washington, Vice President for University Advancement, provided a report on the University Advancement Reorganization.
- Samantha Swift provided a campaign update and development activity as of May 15, 2020.
- Gift Income as of April 30, 2020, totaled \$2,349,089
- Giving Day: Day of Caring, a 24-hour online fundraising campaign, took place on May 1, 2020
- Contributions totaling \$261,440 were received through 1,833 donations. This total represents an 88% increase over the 2019 Giving Day
- Announced Fiscal Year 2020-21 Goals

- Kelly Bailey and Samantha Swift reported on Alumni Engagement as of May 15, 2020.
- The Alumni Engagement and Development teams have been actively reaching out to alumni and friends of the institution providing Zoom Happy Hours via location. To date, ZOOM get-togethers included North & South Carolina, Cincinnati & Columbus, Harrisburg, Florida, Texas, and the West Coast.
- The Slippery Rock University Alumni Association announced the 2020 Rock Solid 10 Under 10 award winners.
  - Shawn Bean '11
  - Audrianna Bly '11
  - Savannah DeLeon '15
  - Brandon Fusco '10
  - Jordan Grady '15, '16
  - Marcie Johnson '13
  - Mike Madden '12
  - Sean Murphy '11
  - Benjamin O'Leary '10
  - Christine Wojnarwsky '14
- Provided the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. and the SRUF Campus Housing financial reports as of April 30, 2020.
- Total Net Assets & Liabilities of the SRU Foundation, Inc. totaled \$39,364,802
- The Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. investment portfolio value totaled \$32,268,240
- The SRUF Campus Housing Inc. & subsidiary Net Assets & Liabilities totaled \$109,245,793

#### **Executive Session (Agenda, Appendix H)**

Council met this morning in executive session with President Behre. No report; closed session.

### **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **Contracts (TAB 6) (Appendix I), Fixed Assets, (TAB 7), (Appendix J), Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 8), Appendix K)**

Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of Contracts. Motion carries unanimously.

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Trustee Young, approval of Fixed Assets. Motion carries unanimously.

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of Service and Supply Purchase Orders. Motion carries unanimously.

**Resolution: Order of Succession (Appendix L)**

Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee Young, approval of the Order of Succession. Motion carries unanimously.

**SRU Council of Trustees: Election of Officers, 2020-2021**

Trustee Angelucci moved, second by Trustee Young, approval of the slate of officers for 2020-2021. Motion carries unanimously.

Matt Lautman, chair  
Elise Michaux, vice-chair  
Samantha Hawk, secretary

**COT Resolution: Appointing Faculty Liaison to the SRU Council of Trustees (Appendix M)**

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Trustee Michaux, approval to appoint Dr. Lia Paradis, Associate Professor, History Department and Co-Director, Stone House Center for Public Humanities as the Slippery Rock University representative to the Interim Faculty Council, to participate in non-executive session meetings as a non-voting liaison to the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees for the academic year 2020 / 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). Motion carries unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****Next Meeting:**

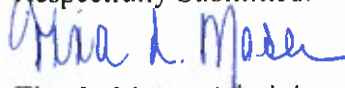
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**Facilities and Planning Active Project List (Cabinet Report) (TAB 11) (Appendix N)****HR Personnel Items (TAB 12) (Appendix O)****Financial Report (TAB 13) (Appendix P)****Divisional Reports (TAB 19)****FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Trustee Ionta offered thanks to President Behre and his Cabinet for conducting an outstanding and very informative new trustee orientation earlier this week. Many thanks to Chair Smith for his leadership to the Council.

With no further business, the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees business meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Tina L. Moser, Administrative Liaison to the SRU Council of Trustees